

Docket No.: A-67178/MSS (463035-409)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

First Named Inventor:	<b>Nitin Ingle, et al.</b>	Examiner:	<b>Rudy Zervigon</b>
Appln. No.:	<b>09/470,446</b>	Group Art Unit:	<b>1763</b>
Filing Date:	<b>December 22, 1999</b>		
Title:	<b>Gas Delivery Metering Tube</b>		

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of 3-month(s) (from June 2, 2006 to September 2, 2006 within which to respond to the Final Office Action dated March 2, 2006. A check in the amount of \$1,520.00 (\$500 for Appeal fee, \$1020 for the 3 month extension fee for large entity) is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. A-67178/MSS (463035-409)).

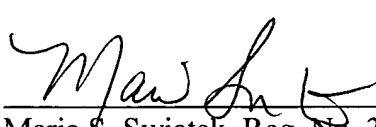
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Respectfully submitted,  
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